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All,

OSC Beslow is on-scene and is continuing oversight of BP response operations. The oil leak is believed to be from the cooling system for the distillation process. The facility identified the source of crude oil to Lake Michigan from an outfall that is connected to their number 6 oil water/separator. The volume of crude oil released is still unknown. There is currently no oil discharging from the outfall into Lake Michigan. The USCG conducted an aerial flyover of the area this morning, no visible oil sheen was observed on the Lake outside of the boomed area along the beach. BP contractors have deployed approximately 2000 feet of boom along the affected on-site beach area.

Approximately 12 vacuum trucks are cleaning oil from the unit 6 separator and crews are cleaning oil globs from the beach. The beach area is on BP property and is about 2700 linear feet long. BP has established an air monitoring system and deployed a skimmer barge to remove boomed oil. The facility established a command post that includes EPA, USCG, and IDEM.

OSC Beslow has issued a notice of federal interest to BP and Federal Project Number (E14512) for \$25,000 has been processed to support EPA response oversight. A PIO and an additional OSC with two START contractors have deployed to the scene.

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